

PROTECT WOMEN'S HEALTH--SUPPORT S 1890!!

May 19, 1998

The Honorable Thomas A. Daschle
United States Senate
509 Senate Hart Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Daschle:

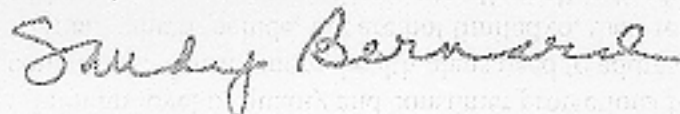
On behalf of the 160,000 members of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), I urge you to support the Patients' Bill of Rights Act (S 1890), which establishes basic quality standards and protections. AAUW believes that S 1890 will significantly improve managed health care for all consumers, and especially for women. AAUW supports access to quality health care for women and their families.

AAUW believes that health plans need enforceable federal standards to assure a minimum level of quality and consumer protections for women and all health care consumers. Furthermore, health plans need to address the unique health care needs of women, which include, but are not limited to, their reproductive health. S 1890 addresses a broad range of issues to allow all individual consumers to make wise choices based on their own needs, and to provide quality, dependable, timely, and appropriate service to all consumers.

AAUW supports many provisions of S 1890, including: allowing women to choose an obstetrician/gynecologist as a primary care provider and to have direct access to ob/gyn services; establishing an internal quality improvement system that measures performance on health care issues that affect women; incorporating gender-specific medicine when developing the plan's written clinical review criteria; prohibiting arbitrary limits on how covered services are provided; and prohibiting discrimination against providers and enrollees on the basis of sex.

Once again, I urge you to support the Patients' Bill of Rights Act, and improve health care for all consumers. If you have any questions, or would like more information, please call Nancy Zirkin, Director of Government Relations, at 202/785-7720, or Emma Peat, Legislative Assistant, at 202/785-7793.

Sincerely,



Sandy Bernard
President